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Utah Chief Economist Testifies to Arizona Task Force about Tax Reform

David Stringfellow, Chief Economist of the Office of the Utah State Auditor, shares Utah's successful experience with Tax Reform with Arizona Task Force on Income Tax Reform

Salt Lake City, UTAH –

David Stringfellow, Chief Economist in the Office of the Utah State Auditor, testified about Utah's Individual Income Tax Reforms last week before the Arizona Joint Task Force on Income Tax Reform. He provided background on Utah's switch to a Single Rate Income Tax. In covering the history of Utah's process in reforming its tax system, he touted the unprecedented level of analysis Utah performed before passing the legislation. "Utah's tax simulation forecast model was one of the best in the country and provided significant insight and accuracy regarding the proposed changes to the income tax."

In his testimony, Mr. Stringfellow laid out the history of the reform and described the details of the model used to answer all of the technical questions about how Utah's taxpayers would be affected by the reform. David highlighted the key accomplishments of Utah's tax reform efforts: to successfully broaden the tax base, lower tax rates and make Utah a more competitive place for businesses to expand.

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